



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, February 1, 2005, marks the first day of operation of the U. S. Department of Energy's new Idaho National Laboratory; and*

*WHEREAS, this new national research and development institution is being built on the solid foundations and proud traditions of the former Argonne National Laboratory-West and Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory; and*

*WHEREAS, the new Idaho National Laboratory will be advancing our State's and nation's interests in nuclear energy, national security, and science and technology development; and*

*WHEREAS, the laboratory has committed to create within Idaho a new Center for Advanced Energy Studies, engage in collaborative research and – through its ongoing operations – help augment the State's reputation as a high-tech destination of choice for companies looking to expand or relocate; and*

*WHEREAS, the University of Idaho, Idaho State University, Boise State University and Idaho-based Washington Group International will be fulfilling key roles in the management and operation of the new laboratory; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Idaho and its citizens have a special interest in seeing this new national laboratory succeed;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2005, to be*

**IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY DAY**

*in Idaho, and I urge all Idaho citizens to welcome and celebrate this bold and exciting new initiative for the nation's nuclear energy future.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this thirty-first day of January in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Yursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE